



Leave some ditches and sloughs flooded year-round

What to do:

The grains and other crops that may initially attract wildlife to your land provide only food and cover. To attract and keep wildlife on your land, where it's feasible offer reliable sources of water by flooding some ditches and waterways year-round.

Benefits:

- Offers good pair water sites for prenesting local ducks.
- Provides wildlife with stable sources of drinking water and riparian and aquatic

habitat during periods when they most need it.

- Offers travel corridors for many species; these waterways often enable duck broods to reach brood ponds on other portions of the farm.

- Provides riparian habitat for fish and other aquatic species.

- Aids in ground water recharge with some soils.

- Offers stored water sources for firefighting.

If water is available, turn your farm into a year-round haven for wildlife by leaving water in some ditches or sloughs throughout the year. (Inset) Gopher snake.



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